

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-25, 27-28 and 38 are pending in this application. No claim amendments have been made in response to the instant office action.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-2, 5-25, 27-28 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0226148 (“Ferguson”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0149708 (“Nagata”), U.S. Patent No. 6,724,317 (“Kitano”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,865,075 (“Oakley”).

In rejecting the claims, the Examiner maintains that “although Ferguson discloses a system the media device is below the display, the integration of the display/media device is conventional in the art, based upon designers’ needs/size/requirements.” In support of this statement, the Examiner relies on Nagata, stating that Nagata discloses “a media device where the DVD/media player 6 (Fig. 6) is physically behind the display 2.” The Examiner further relies on Kitano as disclosing “display/media devices/players . . . mounted to a door/pivoting device.”

Applicant submits that the Examiner’s reliance on Nagata and Kitano is misplaced. In contrast to the Examiner’s conclusions, both Nagata and Kitano fail to disclose or suggest the display that is mounted on an outside surface of the pivoting door, and the media player that is mounted on an inside surface of the door opposite the outside surface, as essentially recited in claims 1, 15 and 38.

In Nagata, the video reproducing unit 6 in Fig. 6 is not disposed on an opposite surface to that of the display monitor 2. Indeed, in Nagata, there is no pivoting door to

which both the display monitor 2 and video reproducing unit 6 are mounted. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Nagata does not disclose or teach the claimed display that is mounted on an outside surface of the pivoting door, and the media player that is mounted on an inside surface of the door opposite the outside surface.

In Kitano, the display panel 14 pivots by itself and does not include a media player mounted on an opposite surface of the display panel 14. Indeed, col. 5, lines 50-56 of Kitano generally mention that the display 14 is connected to a DVD player or DVD changer 19, but are silent as to the location of the DVD player/changer 19. Accordingly, in contrast to the Examiner's conclusion, there is no teaching or suggestion in Kitano of "display/media devices/players . . . mounted to a door/pivoting device." At most, Kitano discloses a display panel that rotates.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Kitano does not disclose or teach the claimed display that is mounted on an outside surface of the pivoting door, and the media player that is mounted on an inside surface of the door opposite the outside surface.

Applicant further submits that the Examiner's conclusions to the contrary are based solely on hindsight reasoning gleaned from Applicant's disclosure.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant maintains the Examiner's rejections of claims 1, 15 and 38 are legally deficient, and that claims 1, 15 and 38 are patentable over the cited references.

For at least the reason that claims 2 and 5-14 depend from claim 1, and claims 16-25, 27 and 28 depend from claim 15, claims 2, 5-14, 16-25, 27 and 28 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references.

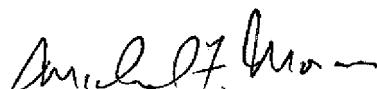
As such, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-2, 5-25, 27-28 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the patentable features of the independent claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

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